

WHILE we have had the largest Christmas trade we ever had, we still have some very choice Diamonds and extra nice goods which we do not want to carry into next year.

If you are interested in Diamonds call in and see what we show you and the inducements we will offer you.

Our \$25.00 Ladies' Solid Gold Watches will be on sale until January 1st, as well as our Special TEA SET sales at \$15.00 and \$19.50.

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That will eclipse anything ever attempted. WE WILL DISCOUNT EVERY PURCHASE FROM THE PLAINLY MARKED SELLING PRICES

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That is, we will take off from the regular prices—already marked incomparably low—25 CENTS ON EACH DOLLAR'S WORTH OF PURCHASES.

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You will find them just what I recommend them to be—pure and wholesome, free from pig's foot jelly, glue, or any other adulterations. Try them side by side with goods peddled off on you as so-called pure goods by unscrupulous parties. Don't buy each stuff. It will hurt your pocketbook and ruin your health.

PETER ULLRICH,

144 East Main Street.
TELEPHONE 36.
FRIDAY EVE., DEC. 31, 1888.

LOCAL NEWS.

FOR PRESERVES look through the mammoth assortment at
E. D. BARTHOLOMEW & Co.'s.

HAPPY New Year to all.
Good-by '88—welcome '89.
Don't make a mistake—write it 1887 to-morrow.

Tax Deceatur banks will be closed to-morrow all day.

Tax collectors will soon be ready for business. They never die.

J. M. HURV sets a fine lunch at his place, just north of Millikin's bank.

NEAR Cerro Gordo William Beauchamp sold 40 acres of land to Martin Swank for \$4,000.

THE Woman's Exchange has been removed to the residence of the manager, Mrs. A. T. Grist, 210 South Main street.

ORDERS family groceries at Niedermeyer's store on the Mound; also Deceatur coal.

THE memorial services in honor of Gen. John A. Logan are in progress at the opera house this afternoon.

BROWN the new year right by purchasing White Foam flour, made by Hatfield & Co.

MR. WARREN is drilling for coal at Taylorville. He is down 180 feet. Solid rock will be reached at 140 feet.

REMEMBER Henry Bauer, the East Main street grocer, for choice dressed turkeys and fruits.

THE boys are out with their sleds, "hitching on behind." It's great fun for them.

MAPLE syrup, buckwheat flour, oysters, dressed poultry and turkeys at D. H. Hollman & Son's grocery store.

FRESH Oysters at J. M. Huff's restaurant, just north of Millikin's bank.

WEDNESDAY a Midland oboe was lost at Farmington, and Conductor Buchanan was injured.

You will find White Loaf flour excellent—sold by all grocers.

THIS evening watch night services will be held at Stapp's Chapel. Revival services will be conducted by Evangelist Wilson.

BRD room and parlor sets to suit you at Duntman & Meyer's furniture store.

THIS live deer in a cage at Dedman Bros' meat market attracts much attention.

TO-morrow morning the sale of seats for Effie Ellsler, in "Woman Against Woman" begins.

L. P. WARREN, the man who was taken down with the small-pox at Springfield, was released from the pest house yesterday.

BULK oysters and fresh celery at Peter Ullrich's cash grocery store.

SUPP' FARMER had to bring out the big scoop this morning and clear the street car track of snow. It was easy work this trip.

CROTON country butter and fresh eggs, celery and oysters at J. Lytle & Co.'s family grocery store.

A. T. SUMMERS has purchased Peter Ullrich's heavy iron safe. This morning Dennis Murray elevated it into the young lawyer's office.

Adelina Patti, the song queen of the world, has given testimonials to two American piano manufacturers, namely, Haines Bros. and Steinway & Son & Co. All of the leading musicians of the country know what merit the above instruments possess.

STYRIAN cutters at very low figures on sale at D. F. Hamacher's shops on Wood street.

HAVE you had it—
Now the small boy lays
For all the fancy sleighs
And gathers round the bon-fire with a whoop,
Whoop, whoop!

An extra dose of whole oats for the group, group, group.

THE New Year's reception and free lunch at Y. M. C. A. hall to-morrow will be from 11 to 7 o'clock.

THERE is a mining and reduction company at Cerro Gordo, of which H. M. Green is president and G. H. Moore secretary.

GEO. W. EHRHART & Co. have plenty nice Dry Chunks for your heating stoves. Telephone 139. dec27-41m

SAMPLES of New Year's cards can be seen at this office. You must order at once, so they can be brought here from Chicago in time for the first day of '89.

OTICE, the infant son of Elmer Lilly, died yesterday of pneumonia, aged ten days. The funeral will occur this afternoon at 8 o'clock, Rev. Pinkerton officiating.

JANUARY 1, 1889, at 2:30 p. m., at Lion & Scruggs store, there will be an impartial distribution of the prizes promised by us, to those who gave us their names for our Directory. All interested are invited to be present.

LINN & SCRUGGS.
P. S.—The distribution will be published after the drawing. L. & S.

CALLS to-morrow will be entirely informal. Many ladies will welcome their gentleman friends, but will spread on no extra style.

CHEAP for Cash. No Credit after January 1st, 1889. F. W. NIDERMAYER, dec27-46

NEW Carpets.
New Carpets, of the very latest productions in Brussels, Velvets and Ingrains, just received at
LINN & SCRUGGS.

GENIE Mufflers, ranging in price from 50c up to the finest made, at E. Stine's, dec28-46

SOME OPPOSITION.

No Agreement in the Abel & Locke Assignment Case.

The petition of J. W. Race, assignee for Abel & Locke, for possession of the stock of carpets and house furnishing goods, came up for consideration in the county court before Judge Nelson this forenoon. Sheriff Maury has possession of the keys of the store on judgment creditors representing about \$500, which amount it is claimed must be paid in full. Mr. Ewing appeared for the assignee and made a motion that the court give Mr. Race possession. Attorneys for the judgment creditors, Senator John A. O. Clark, Outten & Vail, J. M. Cluckey and I. D. Walker, were present and interposed vigorous objections, holding that the sheriff shall retain possession and dispose of the stock to the best advantage. After several arguments were made further discussion was postponed until 1 o'clock this afternoon, when representatives of parties interested will appear and argument will be resumed.

It has been the custom heretofore to turn stocks of goods over to assignees when an assignment is made, and make judgment executions first practice on the stock, but it appears this practice is to be resisted in this case. If the sheriff has a sale there will not be much left for the general creditors.

If the assignee will first pay off the \$500, no doubt he will be given immediate possession.

Open House.
Secretary Mann and other members of the Y. M. C. A. will keep open house at the rooms New Year's day from 11 a. m. to 7 p. m. Choice refreshments, instrumental and vocal music, sociability and song, open gymnasium, parlor reception, amusements and a welcome to every young man. Concert in the evening.

Weather Chills.
About four inches of snow fell last night and sleighing is good.

John Irwin will continue the weather signals at the White Front clothing store. The red crescent flag was flying this forenoon, indicating lower temperature or colder weather.

THE remains of John H. Gustafson, who died at Los Angeles, Cal., passed through Decatur to day to Mattoon for burial, in charge of the young widow. The deceased was formerly in the employ of the P. D. & E. company at Peoria. The passenger locomotive was draped in mourning.

The Cold Facts.
Sullivan News: "S. M. Smyser was indicted by the late grand jury for gaming. Judge Hughes appointed F. M. Harbaugh as special state's attorney to prosecute, and W. H. Shinn and J. B. Tims defended. The case was tried by jury and the state failed to make a case and the jury rendered a verdict of not guilty."

Early Closing.
To enable my salesmen to renew their acquaintance with family and best girl, the White Front will close at 7 o'clock p. m. from January 1st to April 1st, Saturdays excepted. JOHN IRWIN, 29-41w

Early Closing.
We, the undersigned jewellers of Decatur, will close our respective places of business at the hours named below, Saturdays excepted: Jan. 1 to April 1, at 6 o'clock; April 1 to Sept. 1, at 8:30 o'clock; Sept. 1 to Dec. 1, at 8 o'clock. During all December we will keep open as late as business demands. (Signed)
J. L. Peake & Son, R. B. Richmond, W. W. Scudder, E. J. Harpster, W. B. Abbott & Co., Otto E. Curtis & Bro. 81-41w

DONATIONS for the poor of the city will be received at the Y. M. C. A. rooms to-morrow. Messengers will be sent out to collect anything the people may wish to give.

THE opinion of an old and well-known merchant is given in a few words, viz: "I think Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup is the best cough medicine that is made."

LUTHER B. BLACK, Salina, Ind., "Disseased nature oftentimes breaks forth in strange eruptions," and the result of it all is pain. Now Salvation Oil will send this very pain to the right about at the trifling cost of only 25 cents.

Early Closing.
On and after Monday, January 2, the furniture stores of the city will close each evening at 6 o'clock.

DUNSMAN & MYERS.
F. BOTZWIN.
BAUMANN BROS.
K. LIDDELL.

THIS morning the Republican received a box of delicious cake from Mr. and Mrs. James Hollinger, samples of the feast spread last night at the reception given in honor of Houston Singleton and bride.

THE Barleigh company gave Bartley Campbell's four act spectacular drama, "Clilo," with earthy music and ballet features, last night to the pleasure of a fair audience that applauded meritorious lines and scenes and lingered until the last fall of the curtain to witness the happy denouement. The company is not great and the play is not strong, though it is odd and interesting, teaching a lesson that honesty and virtue will be rewarded. Millie Adelle Cornalba, the solo ballet dancer, captured the audience by her gracefulness and endurance. Mr. Barleigh was only fair as Fabian.

OYSTERS and meals at J. M. Huff's, three doors north of Millikin's bank.

Death of Mrs. J. D. Ellis.
EDITORS REPUBLICAN:—By request of the family, I send you notice of the death of Mrs. James D. Ellis, daughter of Rev. Mr. Wakley, of Decatur, Ill., and sister of Mrs. John Smith, now of Chicago, at Clay Centre, Kansas, Wednesday, Dec. 29th, 1888. She has been an invalid for years. She leaves a husband, one son and two daughters. This is a serious loss to one of our very best families.

Funeral Sunday, January 2d.
Clay Centre, Kansas, Dec. 30, '88.

Possum Supper.
This evening Mr. Singleton will serve a possum and game supper at his restaurant, west side old square, at 8 o'clock.

MENUS.
Oyster Soup, Baked Trout, with Anchovy Sauce, Cranberry Sauce. Relishes—Quince, Apple, Beet, Young Pigs, with Parsley, Potatoes, Game and Sweet Potatoes.

ENTREES—Frisseese Chittlings; all with Butter Sauce, Cream, and Eggs in Mash Potatoes, Vegetables, Sweet Potatoes, Corn Bread, Dessert—Butter Milk.

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The Adam Stoker case will be heard next Wednesday in Justice Lowry's court, the defendant yesterday taking a change of venue from Justice Stevens' court. There are about 40 witnesses in the case. It will be a jury trial. Stoker is charged with having a minor for a bar-keeper at his saloon, with selling liquor to drunkards and with keeping a disorderly place.

The Wabash.
Judge Cooley, the new receiver for the Wabash, will arrive in the city from Chicago this afternoon and visit Sup' Steves' office.

Col. Robert Andrews, it is understood, will be appointed general manager of the road.

The official circular will probably be received this evening.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs. Anna White and daughter, Cora, arrived home this week from Sullivan.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. George I. Harry, Dec. 30, a son—13 pounds.

Mrs. Clark A. Hodges and children are at Monrovia visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Elson.

E. L. Wells, principal of the training school at Oregon, Ill., is visiting John T. Bowles and family.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Keeler, at 102 East William street, Dec. 31, a daughter.

J. R. Burres, who comes here from Tuscola, will have his office with Justice Lowry.

W. G. Black, a former salesman at Liddle's furniture store, is located at Eldorado, Kansas. He forwards cash for the Republican.

Miss Marian Morrison, of Jacksonville, the accomplished daughter of Hon. I. L. Morrison, arrived in the city last evening. She is the guest of Mrs. Chas. A. Ewing.

H. F. Clark and J. D. Shaffer, of Springfield, arrived yesterday, having been called here by the serious illness of Mr. R. L. Perry. He is no better to-day.

Prof. John Hull, of the Southern Normal school at Champaign, is a guest of his old classmates of the famous class of 1880 at the State Normal University, E. A. Gastman and Edwin Philbrook.

S. T. Miles sends us a copy of the Dakota Daylight, published at Britton, Dakota. What queer names they have for papers in that windy country. The town has put up \$50,000 worth of buildings since April.

John A. Logan, Jr., son of the late senator, is engaged to be married to Miss Andrews, of Youngstown, Ohio, and the wedding would have occurred early in 1887. At the time of Senator Logan's death Miss Andrews and her mother were in New York buying the trousseau.

Electors Last Night.
The following are the newly elected officers of the Knights of Honor Lodge No. 687, chosen last evening:

Past Dictator—H. A. Wood.
Dictator—J. M. Bower.

Vice-Dictator—F. M. Cox.
Assistant Dictator—J. W. Pearson.

Reporter—Wm. Towing.
Financial Reporter—N. L. Krohn.

Treasurer—R. P. Lytle.
Obaplain—John Lytle.

Guide—F. W. Burton.
Guardian—John Alway.

Sentinel—R. E. Pratt.
Rep. to Grand Lodge—O. F. Corman.

Alternate H. A. Wood.
Medical Examiners—L. N. Barnes and R. L. Watson.

Trustees—H. A. Wood, James Freeman and John Lytle.

"Keep It Dark" Saturday.
The comedy company that is to play "Keep It Dark" to-morrow afternoon and night, will arrive in the morning from the east. It is a clever company and will make hundreds of fun. W. T. Bryant as Jasper Vaseline, inventor of the electric liver pad, with his "Do you get there?" and "Ab, there!" is irresistibly funny.

Miss Lizzie Richmond as Clematis De-lancy, the actress, with a quartette of lovers, intersperses the comedy of her part with touches of dramatic reading, which affords Vaseline and Presto Never-change (James Bevin) fine opportunities for side play. Oleo Mashing, a gray-headed, giddy flirt, smitten with Clematis's charms, is impersonated by Theo. Q. Seabrook, who gets through the intricacies of his folly most credibly, notwithstanding the suspicions of his better half. Don't fail to go. Prices 25, 50 and 75 cents. See ad. for matinee prices.

Christmas at the Mound.
The M. C. Church had their usual tree entertainment Christmas eve, a fair crowd being in attendance. The admission was 10 cents; receipts, \$8. The members of the Christian church changed the programme by erecting two beautifully decorated crosses, instead of the tree, and between the crosses a nicely finished gothic house from which Santa Claus distributed his gifts to the children. The admission here was 10 cents also; receipts, \$17. But the biggest thing of the week was the entertainment and supper given by Hedge Post No. 247, G. A. R. The entertainment was held in J. Miller's large hall Christmas night, and consisted of army songs by the members of the Post, comic songs with guitar accompaniment by Ira Brown, of Decatur; speeches by Ross Thresher and Wood; drill by awkward squad, sham battle, etc. The hall was crowded to overflowing, the number being estimated at 400. The entertainment was the best ever given here. Ira Brown was a host, a regular entertainment within himself, and was loudly applauded at the close of each song by him. The supper was held in Spooner & Sprague's hall and was largely patronized. The total net receipts of the entertainment and supper were \$29. Ira Brown was accompanied by his wife, who formed an acquaintance with several of our citizens during the evening, all of whom will be pleased to have her visit them again. Comrade A. C. Stevens was also present and assisted the boys, leading the singing. E. T. O.

WHATEVER name or designation is given to Fever and Ague or other intermittent disease it is safe to say that Malaria or a disordered state of the Liver is at fault. Eliminate the impurities from the system and a sure and prompt cure is the immediate result. Dr. F. W. Nidmeyer is the safest and most effective remedy for all bilious troubles, kidney disease, and like complaints that has ever been brought before the public. A trial is the best recommendation. 18

Early Closing.
We, the undersigned, host and shoe dealers of Decatur, do hereby agree to close our respective places of business at six o'clock p. m., Saturdays excepted, until the first day of April. This agreement to go into effect after January 1st, 1889. (Signed)
J. H. BLACK & SON.
HARRIS & BAKER.
FARMER BROS.
J. H. BLACK & SON.
L. L. FARMER & Co.

BRO Fat Oysters, just received, at Miller's Restaurant, Prairie street, near Water.

G. F. HART for upholstery and shade goods.

Continued.

The reception given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Hollinger, on South Main street, last night, in honor of Mr. Houston Singleton and bride (Miss Lizzie Cornelia, late of Gibson City, Ill.), was attended by about 80 residents of the city, representing the colored people of the community and many of the white friends of the Hollinger family and the groom.

The occasion was one of the pleasantest social gatherings of the year, the guests being presented formally by Mr. Stanton Fields to the bride and groom. Mrs. Singleton made friends at once and was given a very warm welcome to her new home. She is an intelligent young lady whose pleasant ways and agreeable manner impressed all most favorably. A fine supper was served, embracing all the delicacies of the season, and the festivities continued until a late hour. The couple occupy pleasant apartments over the Singleton restaurant, west side of the old square. The RECEPTION joins with their many friends in wishing them unlimited joy and prosperity.

A Lincoln Belle.
The following is a copy of a 35 year old Abraham Lincoln relic found in County Clerk Hardy's office yesterday. It is a plainly written receipt and reads as follows:

"Received June 1st, 1850, of Jacob Spangler as executor of William Back's deceased, five dollars in full of fee in the case of said estate against Samuel L. Wood in the Mason circuit court.

A. LINCOLN"

The paper is to be framed and hung up in the office.

A Card.
To All Church Members Outside of the Methodist Church:

It would seem that Rev. Wilson, the so-called evangelist, now laboring at Stapp's Chapel, has a very limited opinion of all churches and church members outside the Methodist churches, from the expressions he persists in using, like the following: That the Methodist church is the best church in the world, and that there are better Christians in the Methodist church than any other. Now, while that may be sound sense to a Methodist's ears, how does it strike us who are not Methodists; we who are worshipping the same Christ and striving to get to the same heaven. It would seem to us that it is drawing the lines rather closely for a man of God who would be a soul-winner for Christ. Now, while I love the Methodist Church, it seems to me that it is a slander to all churches and Christians outside the one I have mentioned.

Very Respectfully,
Edwin May.

AMUSEMENTS NEXT WEEK.
Tuesday evening, January 4th, the charming actress, Effie Ellsler, will appear at the opera house in her grand character, Beesie Burton, in "Woman Against Woman." The Chicago Herald of December 14 said:

"With a personal charm that is sweet and winning, and an art that is varied and impressive, it is no wonder that Miss Ellsler, who has just closed a successful week here, should have captured the admiration of the stage."

By talent and nothing—for she is the daughter of that celebrated American actress, and it is pleasant to record that she is meeting with such a well-deserved recognition. Her range of work has been phenomenal, ranging all the way from comic opera to the highest state of emotional work. Barry Sullivan, the famous English tragedian, of whom she is the greatest actress for her robes in the world."

As the creator of Hazel Kirke she is after the land, and her people here, the workman's wife, in "Woman Against Woman," is a study in becoming equally popular. One finds pleasure in watching her as she interprets the part of the heart-lung, she is of the pure type of womanly woman which should furnish entertainment for our mothers and wives, our sisters and our countrymen. She possesses charms peculiarly her own. Would the stage had more like Miss Ellsler.

THE BLACK HUSSAR.
Wednesday evening, January 5th, the celebrated McNeill Opera Company in the great opera, "The Black Hussar," by Millock, author of "The Beggar Student."

The engagement of the McNeill Opera Company promises to be notable in the record of the season's amusements. The company appears in "Black Hussar," which appears to have captured the amusement patrons. The "Black Hussar" differs from the ordinary modern opera comic, inasmuch as the composer has treated it in many different ways. For one time the comedians hold possession of the stage, while at other times they are the victims of the audience's constantly tickled. Then shortly the scene changes and a beautiful musical number is heard, an instance of which may be given in the finale of the first act, which is a study in the dignity of grand opera. The ending of the second act with the march of the Black Hussars and their departure for the scene of battle forms one of the most striking pictures ever seen on the stage, and never fails to evoke genuine enthusiasm. The third act is given over largely to comedy, a very funny love scene, with the humorous background of his humorous deeds of valor, together with the most clever of all topical songs, "Read the Answer to the Star," keep the audience in continual merriment of mind, and send everyone home with the consciousness of an evening well spent. Of the artists which Colonel McNeill has given to the cast, much praise may be given.

MARRIED.
By Elder John W. Tyler at the home of the bride's parents, in Long Creek township, Thursday, December 30, 1888, at 2 o'clock, Wm. A. DANKFORD, of Adams county, Pa., and Miss Mary A. HANCOCK.

In this city at the residence of John R

